

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1-85. (Cancelled)

86. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising ~~containing~~ a program for use with a computer for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, the program comprising:

receiving intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with one of a plurality of innovators for the organization;

receiving disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts ~~purchased by the organization from outside the organization and~~ stocked by the organization ~~for being given to the plurality of innovators for the organization;~~

responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, automatically updating an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;

tracking the disclosure gifts and gifts given to the plurality of innovators for at least one of intellectual property asset filings, intellectual property asset publications, and intellectual property asset issuances; and
storing the intellectual property asset protection data in an intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of intellectual property asset protection data records.

87. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises tracking and reporting costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.
88. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises tracking and reporting information arranged by innovator regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators.
89. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises automatically totaling numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.
90. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.
91. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the program further comprises storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.
92. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to track innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, comprising:

logic configured to receive intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with one of a plurality of innovators for the organization;

logic configured to receive disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts ~~purchased by the organization from outside the organization and stocked by the organization for being given to the plurality of innovators for the organization;~~

logic configured to, responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, automatically update an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;

logic configured to track the disclosure gifts and gifts given to the plurality of innovators for at least one of intellectual property asset filings, intellectual property asset publications, and intellectual property asset issuances; and

logic configured to store the intellectual property asset protection data in an intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of intellectual property asset protection data records.

93. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to track and report costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.

94. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to track and report information arranged by innovator regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators.

95. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to automatically total numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.

96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to store innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising logic configured to store organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

98. (Currently Amended) A method for use with a computer for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization as part of a system for managing protection and licensing of intellectual property assets, comprising:

receiving intellectual property asset protection data, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data includes protection data corresponding to a plurality of intellectual property assets owned by the organization, wherein each intellectual property asset is defined and maintained as an asset by the existence of legally-enforceable intellectual property protection rights pertaining to that intellectual property asset, wherein the intellectual property asset protection data further includes data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with one of a plurality of innovators for the organization;

receiving disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, wherein the disclosure gift information includes information regarding disclosure gifts purchased by

~~the organization from outside the organization and stocked by the organization for being given to the plurality of innovators for the organization;~~

responsive to receiving the disclosure gift information associated with each innovation disclosure of the plurality of innovation disclosures, automatically updating an associated balance of the stocked disclosure gifts;

tracking the disclosure gifts and gifts given to the plurality of innovators for at least one of intellectual property asset filings, intellectual property asset publications, and intellectual property asset issuances; and

storing the intellectual property asset protection data in an intellectual property asset protection database including a plurality of intellectual property asset protection data records.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising tracking and reporting costs associated with purchase of disclosure gifts.
100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising tracking and reporting information arranged by innovator regarding all disclosure gifts sent to each innovator of the plurality of innovators.
101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising automatically totaling numbers of disclosure gifts distributed within a time period.
102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.
103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

104-109. (Cancelled)